

# **Abstract**

## **The principle of solidarity versus the principle of equivalence in the Czech social security law.**

This thesis deals with the principles of solidarity and equivalence in social security. The aim is to describe the importance of solidarity as a fundamental basis for the foundation of modern social security and to compare it with the principle of equivalence, which is often placed in contrast to solidarity. The work defines both principles generally and to capture their specific manifestations it focuses on pension security.

The work consists of an introduction, two chapters which are divided into subsections, and a conclusion.

The first chapter deals with both principles generally, describing their historical development and outlining ideas of selected domestic and foreign authors who have dealt with the principles in question. This chapter also summarizes the important jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court in the area. One of the subsections is dedicated to the principle of justice which is a principle closely related to the main principles in question.

The second chapter is focused on pension security in the Czech Republic. It follows in detail the genesis of legal regulations of pension security in the Czech Republic in terms of the principles in question. It characterizes the current legal system, analyzes the related acts of solidarity and equivalence, and discusses other related topics appearing in pension insurance. The largest emphasis is put on the analysis of income solidarity and the related decision Pl. US 8/07, which was the main motive for the creation of this work.

The conclusion summarizes the findings arising from its contents. Furthermore, the thesis examines the philosophical, ethical and moral planes of both principles and their impact on society.